



MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, February 7, 2019 | 7:59 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Daniel Hemmert

Staff Present:

Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

1 . Unfinished Items from the Previous Agenda

Ms. Angella Pinna, Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), Department of Human Services (DHS) presented the budget requests.

Mr. Nathan Checketts, Deputy Director, Department of Health (DOH), provided additional information.

Rep. Ward asked for additional information regarding the costs and Mr. Checketts provided the information.

Rep. Judkins asked for more clarification on costs of disability services and Mr. Checketts responded.

Ms. Pinna continued with her presentation, discussing nursing services.

Chair Christensen asked for additional information regarding people who have transitioned out of institutional care and Mr. Checketts responded.

Ms. Pinna continued with her presentation on the Limited Supports Waiver.

Rep. Thurston made a request to the division to prioritize the Limited Supports Waiver.

Ms. Pinna addressed Rep. Thurston's request and continued with her presentation.

Sen. Weiler asked if a second waiting list would be established and Ms. Pinna responded.

Chair Christensen asked for clarification and Ms. Pinna responded.

Rep. Ward asked about waiting lists and Ms. Pinna responded.

Mr. Checketts summarized the presentation and noted that DOH and DHS work together on providing services and putting together the budget request package.

2 . Requests for Appropriation - Health (agency only)

[4-UDOH Building Block Itemized Budgets - Medicaid](#)

[4b1-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Medicaid Consensus Forecasting](#)

Dr. Joe Miner, Executive Director, DOH, introduced the department's budget requests.

Mr. Checketts explained the strategic priorities of the DOH's budget requests.

[4h-NCSL - Medicaid Management Information System Replacement](#)

Mr. Checketts explained the request to the committee.

Rep. Daw asked a clarifying question about the programming language used by the system and Mr. Checketts responded.

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), explained alternative funding sources for the budget.

Rep. Judkins asked for more information about the information system costs and Mr. Checketts responded.

Rep. Daw requested more information about IT expenses and Mr. Checketts invited the project manager to respond.

Mr. Jason Stewart, Director, Medicaid Management Information System and Project Management Office, Utah Information and Technology Services, responded to Rep. Daw's query.

Mr. Frandsen continued with his presentation on alternative funding sources.

Chair Christensen provided information about dental services and Mr. Checketts responded.

Mr. Frandsen continued with his presentation, discussing outpatient Medicaid rates.

Rep. Ward make a comment on measuring success.

Mr. Michael Hales, Senior Director, Government Healthcare Programs, University of Utah Health, was invited by Chair Christensen to address Medicaid Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Funding.

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification on the increased ACO Funding and Mr. Hales responded.

3 . Methadone Therapy at Delivery Site

[5b-NCSL - Methadone Therapy at Delivery Site](#)

Ms. Emma Chacon, Operations Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, DOH, presented the information to the committee.

4 . Preferred Drug List Savings Report Update

Mr. Checketts presented the report to the committee.

Chair Christensen made a comment about Rep. Ward's efforts in this area and asked for information and Mr. Checketts replied.

5 . Review of Department of Health's Medicaid and Health Financing Budget

Mr. Frandsen explained the budget review to the committee.

Ms. Chacon provided additional information.

Rep. Ward asked for Ms. Chacon's viewpoint on potential budget cuts and she responded.

Mr. Frandsen continued with his presentation.

Rep. Daw asked about data showing the time frame for claims to be processed and Mr. Checketts responded.

Mr. Frandsen also responded to Rep. Daw's question and continued with his presentation.

Mr. Frandsen explained possible motions for the committee to consider.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve all BG and BB motions except BB1, BG9, and BG10 from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. N. Thurston

6 . Review of Department of Health's Children's Health Insurance Program

Mr. Frandsen presented the review and explained motions for the committee's consideration.

Chair Christensen commented on overruns of dental care. Mr. Frandsen and Mr. Checketts gave additional information.

7 . DWS Operations and Policy - Base Budget

Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, presented the base budget.

[9b-DWS - Ops and Policy Expenditure Details FY 18](#)

[9f-Follow Up on SB194 Expenditures](#)

[9e-Follow Up on HB 168 expenditures](#)

Mr. Nathan Harrison, Finance Director, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), provided a response to the reports.

Ms. Oritt talked about new funding requests and followed with motions to be considered.

Rep. Dailey-Provost clarified the possible motions.

Rep. Judkins asked for more information about child care expenditures and Ms. Oritt responded.

Mr. Harrison gave more information.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve all the DH motions, with the exception of DH15 and DH16A, for the Operations and Policy line item, as well as motion DI6 for the State Office of Rehabilitation line item, on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
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Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.